

I am very disturbed to hear that Sinclair Broadcasting is planning to force their stations to air anti-Kerry programming just before the election. Such partisan use of public airwaves by large media companies deals a severe blow to the public interest and to an informed citizenry that is so crucial to a democracy.

When profit and self-interest take precedence over the public interest and the need for balanced information on important issues, the dangers of media consolidation are clear. For the protection of our democracy, it is vital that media ownership rules be strengthened and that broadcasting license renewals be taken very seriously.

Thank you.